

ROOSEVELT
TURNED DOWN

N. Y. Republican State Committee Rejected Him for Temporary Chairman.

VICE PRES. SHERMAN CHOSEN

William J. Barnes Presented His Name, Lloyd Griscom That Of the Colonel.

Vote Was 20 to 15—Ex-President Was Consulted Before Name Was Presented.

New York, Aug. 16.—Theodore Roosevelt suffered a sharp defeat in his home state today when the Republican state committee, by a vote of 20 to 15, rejected a resolution naming him as temporary chairman of the Republican state convention to be held at Saratoga on Sept. 27.

Vice President Sherman was unanimously chosen to act as temporary presiding officer of the convention.

"The old guard," led by State Chairman Woodruff and William Barnes, Jr., of Albany, encompassed the defeat of Col. Roosevelt, whom several of the state leaders charged with attempting to dictate the fortunes of the Republican party in the state.

Col. Roosevelt could not be seen this afternoon, as he left his office at an early hour.

Among the delegates voting for Theodore Roosevelt as temporary chairman were: Lloyd C. Griscom, U. S. Marshal William H. Kel, Appraiser of Customs George Wamaker; Secy. of State Samuel Koenig, Naval Officer F. J. H. Kracke, Representative William S. Bennett and Collector of Internal Revenue Charles W. Anderson.

Opposed to Mr. Roosevelt, among others: Ex-Lieut. Gov. Timothy L. Woodruff, Michael J. Dady, former Congressman William L. Ward; Master B. Little, William Barnes, Jr., of Albany; former State Commissioner of Public Works Geo. W. Aldridge; James W. Wadsworth, Jr., speaker of the state house of representatives and Francis Hendrick, former state commissioner of insurance.

There being danger of both motions being shelved on a parliamentary technicality, Mr. Griscom withdrew his motion to prepare a vote and Harry W. Mack at once took it up as an independent motion.

The committee selected Saratoga and Sept. 27 as the place and time for the convention.

After the meeting had been called to order and the time and place of the state convention chosen, William J. Barnes, Jr., of Albany, offered a resolution presenting the name of Vice President Sherman for temporary chairman of the state convention.

Lloyd C. Griscom moved to substitute the name of Col. Roosevelt and also moved that the vote be postponed until later.

After much debate the motion to postpone was defeated by a vote of 12 to 23. The resolution to make Col. Roosevelt temporary chairman was then lost by a vote of 20 to 15, following which Vice President Sherman was unanimously chosen, Mr. Griscom and Henry Mack of New York not voting.

The state committee then adjourned to meet Monday evening, Sept. 26 in Saratoga.

GRISCOM'S COMMENT.

Commenting on the action of the committee in rejecting the name of former President Roosevelt, Mr. Griscom said:

"I presented the name of former President Roosevelt after consulting with him. The place of the temporary chairman was obviously his not only by virtue of his having been president of the United States, but by the signal rendered by him to the Republican party in New York state. Mr. Roosevelt was anxious to engage in the political campaign in this state and his name at the head of the convention would have lent extraordinary prestige to the meeting and been of incalculable value to the party throughout the state. The action, I therefore, as it is obvious that those voting to deny him the office of temporary chairman will have to account to the voters of the state for their respective districts for their action."

"There was no question of endorsing or not endorsing the administration. It is an effort to show that the choice of Vice President Sherman is an endorsement, whereas the choice of Col. Roosevelt would not have been, it must of necessity fall, as Mr. Roosevelt views regarding the conduct of public affairs by his successor are well known."

REPORTERS DISAPPOINTED.

New York, Aug. 16.—Col. Roosevelt came in from Oyster Bay today and met a few visitors at his office. He then went out.

The newspaper men waiting to see Col. Roosevelt to talk with him regarding the action of the Republican state committee in defeating his name for temporary chairman were disappointed in their purpose.

PAN-AMERICAN
CONGRESS NEARLY OVER

Washington, Aug. 16.—The Pan-American conference of Latin American nations which has been in session at Buenos Ayres for almost a month is expected to conclude its work next Saturday, according to the latest information received at the state department. The American delegation will probably visit Montevideo after the conference and during the first week in September will go to Chile, returning to the United States by the western coast of South America and probably across the isthmus of Panama.

FOUNDING OF LOS
ANGELES IS CELEBRATED

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 16.—In the patio of the old mission church of Our Lady of the Angels, situated in original Sonoratown, the 129th anniversary of the founding of Los Angeles was celebrated by representatives of the Spanish population last night. There was no observance anywhere else.

Gen. Antonio Aguilar, aged 90, who resisted the advance of Fremont, presided over the celebration. He wore the uniform in which he resisted the Americans in 1848.

PRESIDENT SMITH
SAILS ON SATURDAY

Will Embark on the Vaderland at Dover for New York This Week.

President Joseph F. Smith, Bishop Charles W. Nibley and party have engaged passage on the Red Star Line steamer Vaderland, which will call at Dover, England, Aug. 20, and should land at New York about August 28. The party may rest a few days there and possibly may visit the Joseph Smith monument in Vermont before starting on their trip home, where they are expected to arrive about Sept. 8. Largely attended gatherings have greeted the party wherever it has stopped. In a private letter received in Salt Lake a few days ago, President Smith wrote that when going on a vacation, if you do not keep your future plans to yourself, you are apt to have more work to do than when at home. His movements have been unintentionally scheduled ahead, and a great number of people have been anxious to meet him wherever he has gone.

THREE-YEAR-OLD CHILD
MURDERED BY AUTOMOBILIST

Mattawan, N. Y., Aug. 16.—The police here are hunting for some clue as to the identity of an automobilist whom they charge with killing the 3-year-old son of George Verdi, a well-to-do farmer.

The child was playing by the roadside when the automobile whizzed by. A young boy caught his clothes and he was dragged beneath the wheels, which passed over his body, killing him instantly.

According to the police, the driver stopped the car, picked up the baby's body and threw it over a fence on to a lawn beside the road.

Persons in a cross street, too far away to identify the automobilist saw him stop his machine, pick something up from the road and toss it in the air. They thought it was a trifling obstruction of some kind and paid no attention. A few moments later the baby's body was found on the lawn.

FINDINGS IN CASE OF
LIEUT. COL. R. F. AMES

Acquitted on Chief Charges of Conduct Unbecoming Officer but Guilty of Drunkenness.

Manila, Aug. 16.—The findings in the case of Lieut. Col. R. F. Ames, who was court-martialed following the investigation of the suicide at his home of Lieut. Clarence M. Janney, were published here today. Lieut. Col. Ames, according to the findings, was acquitted on the principal charges of conduct unbecoming an officer and conduct prejudicial to military discipline, but was found guilty of drunkenness and sentenced to the loss of 12 numbers in his relative rank in the army.

Gen. Ramsey C. Post, commanding the department of the Luzon, in his review of the findings severely criticized the court, of which Brig. Gen. John J. Pershing was president.

Lieut. Col. Ames has already returned to duty with his command, the Twelfth Infantry.

According to the testimony, Lieut. Janney and his wife quarreled while guests at Col. Ames' house and Janney shot himself while in the presence of Mrs. Janney and Ames, who were the only witnesses to the tragedy.

COLORADO DEMOCRATIC
LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Denver, Aug. 16.—The initiative measure, which, it is asserted, is ultra-conservative and will make but little change in existing conditions, was agreed upon at a caucus of the Democratic senators early today, who met to agree upon the legislation to be enacted at the present session of the state legislature. The measure will call for a petition to be signed by 15 per cent of the voters for governor at the next election in two-thirds of the counties.

The caucus resulted in a complete defeat of those who favor a re-enactment of all the party's pre-election pledges for which the extra session was called by Gov. Shafroth and a victory for Senator Hughes-Mayor Spoor crowd which advocates a redemption of pledges on the most conservative basis.

It is thought that there will be the same lineup of Democratic senators with respect to each of the other measures to be considered as that they will not be as vigorous as the governor desired. Another caucus, it is believed, will be held late today to consider the referendum measure.

OPIUM SEIZURE MAY
REVEAL PLOT TO SWINDLE

New York, Aug. 16.—United States customs inspectors recently made a seizure of opium in Hoboken, N. J., which it is believed may reveal a plot of great magnitude to swindle the government. Three arrests were made and the men were charged with having brought in 12 pounds of opium bought in Shanghai.

Congress passed a bill in February which makes it a crime to have opium without proof of purchase from an authorized source of supply. The penalty is not more than \$5,000 nor less than \$50 fine, or not more than two years imprisonment, or both.

HEAD-ON SMASH
ON RIO GRANDE

Eastbound Passenger Runs Into a Freight Train at Woodside, Utah.

ENGINEER LOPAS INJURED

Several Members of Crew Are Hurt—Ran Past Stop Signal Displayed By Station Agent.

In a head-on collision between an eastbound passenger and a westbound freight train a short distance west of Woodside, a station on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad 160 miles east of Salt Lake at 2:25 o'clock this morning, Engineer H. E. Lopas of the eastbound passenger received two broken ribs, a broken left wrist and bruises on his head and back. L. F. Smith, his fireman, received cuts on face and left ear and arms bruised, and Engineer Nash on the freight train received several cuts. No passengers were injured.

H. P. Gayhart, flagman on the passenger train, has a cut above his left eye, and suffered from a wrenched back. The two locomotives and several passenger and freight cars were badly damaged, and it is considered marvelous that none of the passengers were injured.

Immediately upon receiving news of the collision Supt. N. A. Williams of the Green River division organized a wrecking train at Helper and left for the scene of the accident. Company Dr. Slopanek accompanied the wrecking train and attended the injured men on arrival at Woodside. It is reported that none of the cases as serious. A special train was made up and Engineer Lopas, Fireman Smith and Flagman Gayhart were placed aboard for Grand Junction, the special leaving Woodside at 7:20 this morning.

RAN PAST SIGNALS.

Responsibility for the accident will be placed as soon as an investigation can be made, which will be done at once. From indications this morning it appears that the passenger train, which was No. 8 running between Ogden and Grand Junction, ran past a stop signal displayed by the operator at Woodside, who had an order for No. 8. The freight, which was the second section of No. 65, Engineer F. P. Nash, driving engine 1158, Conductor J. T. Kay, was running with right of way and met the passenger head-on at a point 200 feet east of the overhead steel bridge east of Woodside station. W. E. Yaney is conductor of the passenger train, and Engineer Lopas, who was the worst injured, is one of the best of the long experience and has been connected with the Denver & Rio Grande for many years. He is considered to be a very careful man, and his explanation of the accident is awaited.

The wrecking crew commenced clearing the wreck away at once and it was expected that the track would be clear for the movement of trains by 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The plans of the president has arrived in this city at 1:30 p.m., will be about eight hours late. Trains No. 5 and 7 will also be delayed.

TO CLASSIFY AND APPRAISE
ROSEBUD INDIAN LANDS

Washington, Aug. 16.—Preliminary to the sale of surplus lands on Rosebud and Pine Ridge Indian reservations in South Dakota, the president has appointed commissions to classify and appraise the lands not allotted in severalty to Indians. The sale was authorized at the last session of Congress. The commissions consist of representatives of the interior, of the state and of the tribe.

The following compose the Rosebud commission: John H. Scriven, a special allotting agent of the interior department; chairman; A. E. Kull of Burke, and Richard Elliston, an Indian of the Rosebud tribe.

The following are the members of the Pine Ridge commission: Charles H. Bates, a special allotting agent of the interior department; chairman; D. L. McLane, Westover, S. D., and Frank Conroy, Lacreek, S. D., an Indian of the Pine Ridge reservation. The lands to be disposed of are in Mellette and Waushara counties while those on Pine Ridge are Bennett county.

DECADENCE OF RURAL
CHURCH IN AMERICA

Detroit, Aug. 16.—Another great laymen's missionary movement was given impetus by the statements made by Dr. Joseph L. Berry, of the Methodist Episcopal church, regarding the decadence of the rural church and the godlessness of the American farmer. The movement will be similar in character to the recent great foreign missionary project but this movement is to Christianize the United States rather than heaven's country. The bishop has obtained, it is said, the backing of James G. Cannon, a New York banker who is to finance the project. A great army of Christian workers is to invade the rural districts and advocate a country-wide revival. One hundred American centers, which will reach 2,000 towns, will be worked.

In reference to the campaign Bishop Berry says: "The great laymen's missionary movement has thus far been a campaign in favor of foreign missions. What is now proposed is a campaign for the evangelization of the millions at home."

AVENGER'S SIGN
CUT ON EACH CHEEK

Cleveland, Aug. 16.—Running screaming through the streets with a cross cut on each cheek and one on his chin, Tony Mossa was arrested last night. The cuts had been made by a razor and completely penetrated his cheeks. He told the police that they were the avenger's sign of a secret order to which he had belonged and accused Teilo Menocetta, a fellow countryman of being his assailant.

Menocetta was arrested later, but the police were unable to get any coherent statement from either man. The victim of the vendetta after making his first statement, appeared frightened at having said so much and obstinately refused to give any further information. Both men were held.

SPANISH STEAMER
MARTOS FOUNDERED

Was in Collision With German Steamer Elsa at Entrance to Straits of Gibraltar.

LOSS OF LIFE VERY GREAT

Thirty-nine Persons Were Drowned—Dense Fog Prevailed at Time Of Accident.

Gibraltar, Aug. 16.—The Spanish steamer Martos foundered this morning off Tarifa, at the entrance to the straits of Gibraltar after a collision with the German steamer Elsa.

Thirty-nine persons were drowned, of whom 32 were passengers. The survivors were landed here.

A dense fog prevailed at the time of the collision. Nine of the victims on the Martos were first cabin passengers. The other 23 passengers who perished were in the steerage.

The bow of the Elsa was stove in by the collision and her forepeak filled quickly with water. The steamer, however, managed to keep afloat.

The Martos was a small steamer of 1,044 tons registered in the coasting traffic. She was built at Dundee, Scotland, in 1885, and was 234 feet long. Her port of registry was Valencia, Spain.

The Elsa, a German tramp steamer, registering only 494 tons, is even smaller. She sailed from Abo, a river port on the Niger, in Africa, on July 20, for Valencia, and was last reported passing Gibraltar on Aug. 2.

VICE PRES. SHERMAN
AND INDIAN AFFAIRS

He Has Always Manifested Great Interest in Them and Disapproved McMurray's Ten Per Cent Fee.

Sulphur, Okla., Aug. 16.—Attempts to show that the government was justified in delaying the sale of \$30,000,000 worth of Indian land in Oklahoma, occupied the congressional committee in the investigation of the McMurray contracts today.

Testimony was given that it would have been impossible for the government to sell out the land and distribute the money among the Indians as speedily as J. F. McMurray had promised on a 10 per cent attorney's fee basis.

Representative C. D. Carter of Oklahoma was recalled and asked:

"What is your opinion of Vice President Sherman in matters pertaining to Indian affairs?"

"He has always shown a deep interest in the Indians," Carter replied.

"What was his (Sherman's) attitude toward large fees?"

"He was opposed to them."

It had been asserted in previous testimony that Mr. Sherman had expressed emphatically his disapproval of the 10 per cent fee.

Representative C. H. Burke, chairman of the investigating committee, pointed out to the witness that much of the government's alleged delay in selling the land was due to the failure of the Indians to take their shares of allotted land.

Douglas H. Johnson, chief of what is known as the Chickasaw nation, testified he signed the McMurray contracts. He had urged others to sign, but he never had been induced to do so by McMurray.

SERGEANT OF THE GUARD
TELLS OF SAFE ROBBERY

(Special to The News).

Cheyenne, Wyo., Aug. 16.—A report from Camp Otis today states that the sergeant in charge of the guard over the paymaster's safe that was stolen one night last week has confessed that a civilian came to him on the night of the robbery and requested that he be kept sent by the paymaster to get the safe as the officer intended to pay off the \$5,000 to troops that were leaving the camp that night.

The safe, whose name has not been given out, has been arrested by the military authorities, but so far as known the safe nor the \$5,000 has been located.

FIRST CONSIGNMENT
OF GOLD FROM IDITAROD

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 16.—The United States assay office in Seattle yesterday received its first consignment of gold from the new Iditarod district of Alaska. The consignment consisted of \$33,826 sent by a bank in Iditarod City, a town that has sprung up within the last year. Reports received here indicate that up to Aug. 1 the total output for the Iditarod district this year has been \$69,000.

The gold, as indicated by the assay, is moderately fine, running from \$17.25 to \$18 an ounce. Pure gold, carrying no base metal, is worth \$20.67 an ounce. Some gold brings about \$18.25 an ounce and Fairbanks gold runs the same. The best gold that comes to the Seattle assay office is received from the Koyukok district. It runs from \$19 to \$20.15 an ounce.

MRS. M. C. BARBER GETS
HALF OF MCKINLEY BLOCK

Canton, O., Aug. 16.—By a court decision yesterday, Mrs. M. C. Barber, sister of the late widow of Pres. McKinley was given title to one-half of the property known as the McKinley block in Canton, valued at \$14,500. James McKinley, a nephew of Pres. McKinley, and other heirs-at-law of the late executive brought suit to get possession of the property, but the court held that the title of Mrs. Barber is valid and that the property belongs to her.

ESTIMATED INTERNAL REVENUE.

Washington, Aug. 16.—It is estimated that government internal revenues for the present fiscal year will be increased about \$8,000,000 in consequence of the increased taxes on tobacco and cigarettes provided by the Payne-Aldrich tariff law.

JAMES E. HURLEY
DIES IN CARLSBAD

General Manager of the Santa Fe System Had Gone to Famous Resort for Health.

DUE TO HEART TROUBLE

Rose to Highest Position After Passing Through All the Various Grades.

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 16.—James E. Hurley, general manager of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad, died from heart trouble at Carlsbad, Austria, this noon. The first word of his death was received in this country by Henry B. Lauts, assistant to the general manager, when a cablegram was delivered at his office in Tonopah at 9:30 o'clock this morning.

Gen. Manager Hurley left Topeka July 13, for New York City and sailed from there for Carlsbad, where he intended to spend a few months at the famous health resort to regain his strength and find a relief from continued attacks of indigestion.

DEATH UNEXPECTED.

A letter was received Monday from Hurley, written at Carlsbad in which he said he had been examined by physicians and was found to have no organic trouble. His death was therefore entirely unexpected and almost caused a panic at the general offices of the company. Men gathered in the corridors and wept like children, for no man on the Santa Fe system was so generally loved. He was exceedingly democratic and the humblest workman was always treated as an equal by the general manager. He had risen from the ranks and never forgot the men who had labored with him on the lower rung of the ladder.

Mr. Hurley leaves a widow and two children. Mrs. Hurley and daughter, Hildegarde, are in Las Vegas, N. M., and Howard, the son, is in Denver, where he is a participant in the golf tournament.

Mr. Hurley was accompanied abroad by his secretary, Charles Krammes, who cabled that he will return with the body at once.

Mr. Hurley was born at Wapello, Iowa, on June 1, 1859, and after finishing high school at that place spent three winter terms at normal school at Bloomfield, Iowa.

HIS RISE.

He entered the service of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe in 1880, as brakeman, and was subsequently, until 1882, warehouseman and baggage man. Since then he has held successively the following positions: Agent, telegraph operator and station clerk at various stations in Kansas, and during 1883 was relief agent on the Rio Grande and New Mexico divisions and chief clerk and cashier at Hutchinson, Kansas.

Since that time he has held successively the following positions: Agent at Florence, Kan., chief clerk to the general superintendent at Topeka, trainmaster eastern division, assistant superintendent Missouri division, assistant superintendent Chicago division in charge of transportation at Ft. Madison, Ia., from October, 1891, to June, 1894; superintendent New Mexico division, June, 1894, to October, 1894; superintendent Consolidated New Mexico and Rio Grande divisions, October, 1894, to January, 1901; acting general superintendent lines west of Albuquerque at Los Angeles, Cal., January to October, 1901. On the latter date he was appointed general superintendent of the western grand division at La Junta, Colo., and July, 1902, was made general superintendent of the eastern grand division, which position he held until his promotion to the office of general manager, on May 1, 1905.

MRS. HURLEY PROSTRATED.

East Las Vegas, N. M., Aug. 16.—Mrs. James E. Hurley, wife of the general manager of the Santa Fe railroad, was informed this morning of the death of her husband at Carlsbad. She has, with her daughter, been visiting relatives here since Mr. Hurley went to Europe several weeks ago.

Mrs. Hurley was prostrated by the news. She did not know that her husband had been seriously ill. Many messages of condolence have already been received by Mrs. Hurley, among them being one from President Ripley of the Santa Fe.

Mr. Hurley lived here several years, being the division manager here at that time.

GEN. BLISS TO TAKE
COMMAND AT PRESIDIO

San Francisco, Aug. 16.—Brig. Gen. Tasker H. Bliss arrived here today to take command of the department of California. On the departure of Maj. Gen. Thomas H. Barry next Sunday, Bliss will assume formal command of the department, taking charge of the headquarters in this city. Gen. Bliss recently was relieved from duty as assistant to the chief of staff in Washington, D. C.

Gen. Barry will leave here Sunday to assume his new duties as superintendent of the military academy at West Point.

PETRIFIED TORTOISE
FOUND IN VIRGINIA

Washington, Aug. 16.—A petrified tortoise which may have been crawling about the vales of Virginia during the days of Noah, has been discovered at Orkney Springs, Virginia, by two Washington men.

The petrified animal, which weighs about 400 pounds, will be presented to the Smithsonian institution.

SPEAKER CANNON OPENS
HIS CAMPAIGN TOMORROW

Danville, Ill., Aug. 16.—Speaker Cannon opens the campaign in this district tomorrow, when he delivers a speech at a meeting of settlers at Cissna park, Troopua county.

Mr. Cannon said today he would discuss politics, but not make up his mind what to say until after he had "looked over the crowd."

Congressman McKimley and Boutell called on the speaker last night.

HITCHCOCK WILL STUDY
THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK

Washington, Aug. 16.—Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock, will leave in a few days for a trip through the western part of the United States to study the political outlook. Mr. Hitchcock's trip will extend to the Pacific coast. He refused to discuss his proposed trip except to say that he expects to "find a better condition of affairs for the Republican party than some of the pessimists seem to think exists."

EXPRESS COMPANIES
UNDER SPOT LIGHT

Commercial Organizations Join in a Petition for a General Adjustment of Rates.

S. H. Babcock, commissioner of the Commercial club traffic bureau, has received word from Washington that the Merchants' association of New York, the Chicago Association of Commerce, the Boston chamber of commerce and 121 other commercial organizations of the country have joined in a petition to the interstate commerce commission for a general adjustment of the rates, charges and practices of express companies throughout the United States. The petition asks that the matter of contracts between express companies and rail carriers and the stock relationship between the two be probed and the names of the stockholders be made public. The petition was filed by John W. Griggs and Benjamin L. Fairchild as counsel for the complainants.

AWARDS TO AMERICANS
AT BRUSSELS EXPOSITION

Brussels, Aug. 16.—The list of awards to exhibitors at the Brussels exposition which it was first announced was lost in the fire on Sunday, which swept a large portion of the exposition, is still available and exhibitors will receive their prizes. The commissioner-general of the exhibition, fearing accident, had a complete duplicate list, which he kept at his residence in this city.

The estimate of the value of the prizes is \$6,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

Among the awards to Americans granted by the international jury of the exposition, are two grand prizes, nine diplomas of honor, 19 gold, 17 silver and 17 bronze medals and five cases of honorable mention.

CANADIAN PACIFIC HAS
NOT BOUGHT ALLEN LINE

London, Aug. 16.—Officials of the Canadian Pacific railway here say there is no truth in the report of the purchase by the Canadian Pacific of the Allen Line Steamship company.

MILITARY AGAIN IN
CONTROL AT COLUMBUS

State House Yard Filled With Tents Of First Regiment, O. N. G.

—Little Rioting.

Columbus, O., Aug. 16.—The state house yard is half filled with tents of the First regiment, Ohio national guard, which arrived from Cincinnati early today on call by Gov. Harmon for strike duty.

There has been little rioting or serious disorder since the announcement that the troops again would be placed in Columbus. The street cars are running on something like schedule time.

RARE ORCHIDS FROM
UNITED STATES OF COLOMBIA

Cromwell, Conn., Aug. 16.—Andrew Benson, a Connecticut farmer, has just returned from a seven months' expedition to the United States of Colombia, with 85 crates of rare orchids which he values at more than \$25,000. Among his prizes are four specimens of a pure white orchid so rare that each plant commands a price of \$1,000 in this country. From the shoulder of a mountain near the border line of Colombia and Venezuela, Mr. Benson looked down upon hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of these rare orchids but each plant was in such an inaccessible place that he was unable to obtain more than the four specimens he brought back with him.

Mr. Benson's expedition was accompanied through the dense forests by a guard of 40 Indians together with guides, porters and pack mules. The hardships of the journey were so great that eight native members of the party died during the trip.

LANDS ELIMINATED
FROM COLORADO FORESTS

Washington, Aug. 16.—The president has signed proclamations eliminating 44,240 additional acres of land from the national forests in Colorado. The unappropriated portions of the areas which have been eliminated from the reserves later will be opened to homestead settlement.

The largest elimination was made from the Montezuma forest, from which was transferred 24,840 acres.

In addition about 19,400 acres comprising the La Plata watershed, were transferred from the Montezuma to the San Juan forest. From the San Juan forest, 18,180 acres were eliminated, while the Rio Grande reserve has lost 64,849 acres.

GERMAN SHIPYARD
EMPLOYEES ARE ON STRIKE

Berlin, Aug. 16.—As a result of the fight between the German shipbuilders and their employees all the ship yards and their employees are on strike.

The men demand an increase of 10 per cent in wages and a 55-hour work week. The shipbuilders maintain these demands are a cloak to political purposes.

The number of men idle is about 35,000.

AEROPLANE
BEARS BIRN

Flock of Carrier Pigeons Released Same Instant Leblanc Started.

RACE FROM DOUAI TO AMIENS

First Pigeon Arrived Six Minutes Twenty Seconds After Aviator.

Distance Covered, Fifty Miles—Leblanc Beat Last Bird by Twelve Minutes.

Amiens, France, Aug.